

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday February 26th 2006

IRTS AGM 2006

Preparations are well advanced for this years IRTS AGM, which is being held on Sunday April 23rd at the Vienna Woods Hotel in Cork and is being hosted by Cork Radio Club. The weekend will follow the usual format with a dinner on the Saturday night, a rally on Sunday and the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon. The Vienna Woods Hotel is located on the eastern side of Cork City just off the Glanmire roundabout at the city side of Glanmire village.

For those wishing to stay in the hotel overnight, only double rooms are available and these can only be booked through Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574 at a cost of 110.00 Euro per room with breakfast. Please note that there are only a few rooms left at the Vienna Woods. However, rooms are also available at the neighbouring Ibis Hotel at a cost of 59 Euro for a single room and 69 Euro for a double room. Breakfast costs Euro 8.50. The telephone number for the Ibis Hotel is 021-4354354. Rooms are also available at the nearby John Barleycorn Hotel at a cost of 45 Euro for a single and 85.00 Euro for a double room including a full Irish Breakfast. The telephone number here is 021-4821499. Enquiries to Finbarr EI1CS on 021-4346622 or Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574.

DXpedition 2007

Following the request for 'expressions of interest' in an IRTS DXpedition to Southern Africa as part of the 75th Jubilee celebrations, 15 EIs and GIs responded. Over the next month, based on feedback received, more detailed planning will take place, however it is evident that there is considerable interest in Contest operation, so it is likely that the trip will be planned to coincide with either the ARRL DX SSB Contest or the CQWW WPX SSB Contest.

Frosty, K5LBU, one of the directors of African DX Safari, will come to Ireland over the weekend of the 11th and 12th of March, to further brief prospective participants. On Saturday the 11th Frosty will be in the Montequ Hotel, Portlaoise on the Saturday afternoon between 2 and 4pm and also at the Limerick Rally on Sunday the 12th. In addition to slide presentations of recent expeditions to various Southern African countries, Frosty will be able to answer any questions regarding operating conditions, station facilities, accommodation etc. All are welcome to attend, whether you are

already signed up, or if you have a possible interest in joining the team, or even if you just have a general interest in DXing. If you are attending at Portlaoise, please let Paul EI2CA know, Telephone 087-2523908.

Trophy Returns

It is now time to return Trophies presented at the 2005 Limerick AGM in preparation for this years upcoming AGM. The deadline for returns is the 18th of March 2006. Trophies can be returned to Peter Grant, EI4HX at QTHR, Awards Committee, or any Committee Member.

Photos Wanted

A new IRTS web site will be launched next month. The new site will incorporate photographs to illustrate amateur radio activities; the photographs used will be rotated on a random basis. The Webmaster, Joe Ryan EI7GY, is looking for suitable photographs for this purpose: please forward amateur radio related photographs to him at "jryan at iol dot ie".

Club Details

All member club secretaries were asked recently to provide an update of their club details, including meeting venue and dates, activities and web site address. Many thanks to those club secretaries who have already responded: those who have yet to respond are asked to do so as soon as possible. Any club secretary who has not received a letter from the Society about this should contact Joe Ryan EI7GY "jryan at iol dot ie".

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The Annual General Meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group took place on Wednesday the 22nd of February. The following is the committee line-up for 2006;

John McCarthy (EI8JA) remains as Chairperson and Vice Chair is John Ronan (EI7IG). Mark Wall (EI7IS), remains on as secretary as do Treasurer, Michael Hoban (EI5DCB) and PRO, Nicky Madigan (EI3JB). Officers for 2006 are; Eddie Steadman (EI9DJB), Egidio Gianni (EI9EQ) and Martin Evans (EI8FFB).

The date of the Waterford rally was announced as Sunday the 15th of October 2006 in the Woodlands hotel, Waterford.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The March meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place in Raheen House Hotel Clonmel on Thursday next the 2nd of March at 8.00 p.m.

Anybody who wishes to take part in the Glen of Aherlow Walking Festival on March the 31st and April 1st and 2nd 2006 in association with the Galtee Walking Club are most welcome at the meeting as arrangements have been made for the event.

Limerick Radio Club

The 2006 Annual General Meeting of the Limerick Radio Club was held on Thursday last, the 16th of February 2006 at the Limerick Institute of Technology. The following officers and committee were elected for the current year:

Officers are; Dermot Gleeson EI2GT is Chairman, Michael Kingston EI2IX is Hon. Secretary and Tony Condon EI2AW is Hon. Treasurer.

The committee consists of Alan Cronin EI8EM, Albert Lahoud EI9IY, John Edgeworth EI6IW and Michael Watterson EI9FEB.

The Limerick Radio Club would like to remind all of their upcoming Rally. It will be held in the Greenhills Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick on Sunday 12th of March. Icom UK have confirmed attendance and will have the IC7000, IC756Pro3 and IC7800 rigs on display. The club is presently in negotiations with several other dealers. The following prizes have been secured for the raffle: An E7 Transceiver donated by Icom UK and a DSP Speaker donated by BHI UK.

Anybody interested in hiring a table or simply requiring further information should contact Dermot EI2GT on 087 2352028.

Members of Limerick Radio Club are looking forward to a successful rally and meeting all their old friends again.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051 853806 or 087 6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to "news at

irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.
Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday
on Fridays.

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